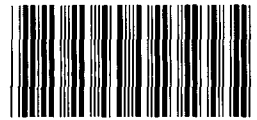




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Re: Richardson Flat

Dear Don:

I am writing, as promised, to provide you with the information that you requested regarding the former Park City landfill located in the vicinity of Richardson Flat. I will answer each question in the order given:

Question

What were the starting and ending years of operation?

Answer

The landfill was opened in late 1973 and closed on July 1, 1985.

Question

What was the typical\average number of on-site workers?

Answer

One.

Question

What was the lateral extent of trench\mound fill areas?

Answer

The lease for the landfill provided for four cells of five acres each. There was also an area of 1.35 acres immediately to the southeast of the cells. Under the lease, each cell had to be fully utilized before the next cell could be used. Only three of the cells were used before the landfill was closed. Within each cell a trench and fill system was employed. The maximum length of each trench was no more than five hundred (500) feet, the size of the cell.

Question

What were the amount and types of non-sanitary waste, e.g., industrial, chemical, tailings, transformers, etc.?

Answer

No disposal records were kept by Park City as to what was disposed of at the landfill. During part of the period the landfill was operated, Park City had a policy prohibiting disposal of transformers, hazardous waste or toxic substances. After the landfill was closed, certain boreholes were drilled and tests were conducted by the Utah Department of Transportation to determine if PCB's or other harmful materials were present. None were found. A copy of the test results are enclosed.

Question

Who are the past/current owners of wastes and associated area?

Answer

During the life of the landfill the land where the landfill was located was owned by United Park City Mine Company. Park City operated the landfill under a lease with United Park City Mine Company. In 1988, the United States of America obtained fee title to approximately 70% of the land area where the landfill was located. The purpose of this acquisition was to relocate U.S. Highway 40, which as you saw, transects the landfill site.

In regards to ownership of wastes, the landfill served Park City during a period of growth as a recreational-tourist-resort area. There is, of course, household waste, generated by residents and construction waste generated by the construction of homes and condominiums during this period. However, Park City was not highly industrialized, and did not have a single large generator of waste.

Question

What is the possibility of reopening\expanding the landfill?

Answer

Extremely unlikely. Park City does not own the site, and its lease has expired. A major highway transects the site. Summit County now provides a landfill for the Park City area at another location.

Question

What is the possibility of developing the landfill area for other purposes?

Answer

As you were able to observe during your recent visit, the landfill is now transversed by Highway 40 which occupies approximately 70% of the landfill site. The remaining 30% is immediately adjacent to the highway. The highway is a limited access highway so the potential of any other use appears extremely remote.

Question

What is the availability of environmental sampling data obtained during or following the operation or during highway construction through landfill?

Answer

A review of the Park City files and the file regarding this landfill at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste did not reveal any sampling data during landfill operation.

During highway construction the Utah Department of Transportation conducted a sampling program which included bore holes of the landfill area. The focus of the sampling was to determine if PCBs or other harmful or toxic substances were present. None were found. I have enclosed the sampling data from that study for your information.

Question

What complaints (if any) about adverse health effects by landfill workers or others?

Answer

The Park City Personnel Director, Robert Stevens, reviewed the personnel files of Park City Municipal Corporation, specifically, the files of landfill workers. No such complaints were found. We also contacted employees who formerly worked at the landfill, and they had no complaints about adverse health affects. Please see the enclosed letter from Mr. Stevens.

I hope this information is helpful to you in preparing the preliminary health assessment. I apologize for the delay in providing you with this information, but the files regarding the landfill were in storage because it has been closed for seven years.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Yours truly,



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